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# Third Ecumenical Missionary Conference (June 1910).

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## MINUTES

OF

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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### II.—MEETING, 12th DECEMBER 1907.

*(Approved by General Committee on 13th February 1908.)*

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At Edinburgh, and within 22 Queen Street, on Thursday,  
the 12th day of December 1907, at 2.30 p.m.:

Sederunt.           5. The Executive Committee met, Mr. Duncan M'Laren in the Chair. Present with him:—Rev. Messrs. Sholto D. C. Douglas, J. Fairley Daly, Wm. H. Findlay, D. Mackichan, D.D., T. H. Martin, George Robson, D.D., R. Wardlaw Thompson, D.D., E. Alport Wareham; Messrs. Chas. H. Bowser, Geo. Graham Brown, Edward A. Talbot, John A. Trail, LL.D., and the Secretaries.

Prayer.               The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. Wm. H. Findlay.

Apologies for  
Absence.           6. Apologies for absence were submitted from the following:—Revs. E. P. Cachemaille, Canon Dawson, Prebendary Fox, John Irwin, John M'Murtrie, D.D., J. Mitford Mitchell, D.D., J. H. Oldham, Geo. Packer, J. H. Ritson, Arthur Taylor; Messrs. F. A. Brown Douglas, R. R. Simpson, and Dr. Wm. Wilson.

Minutes  
confirmed.         7. The Minute of the meeting of the Executive, of date 10th October, was read and approved. The draft Minutes of the meeting of the General Committee, of same date, were also submitted for revision.

List of Special  
Committees  
revised.           8. The Secretary stated that he had received several names of persons suitable for the various Special Committees, and it was agreed that these names be added to the lists as drawn up at the meeting of 10th October; also that several had declined to act on the Committees on which they had been nominated, and it was agreed that their names be deleted.

Additional  
Delegates:  
also Letter  
from Bishop  
Montgomery.     9. The Secretary reported that he had written to the Missionary Societies which had not appointed delegates, and also to several other Societies whose names had not been formally before the Committee. In response to his communication, several Societies had forwarded the names of their delegates, and these had been added to the General Committee. Submitted also letter from Bishop Montgomery intimating that a Sub-Committee had been appointed by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel for the purpose of considering whether they could send a delegate; and a letter from the Universities Mission intimating that they could not see their way to make any appointment.

10. The Secretary reported that he had written to the Right Hon. Lord Balfour of Burleigh, forwarding the request of the Committee that he would take the position of President of the Conference, and submitted letter (London, December 2) from him, in which he stated that he had no hesitation in saying that, so far as he could foresee so long in advance, it would give him great pleasure to accept the office of President of the Conference to be held in 1910. This announcement was received by the Committee with much satisfaction.

Acting  
President :  
Lord Balfour  
of Burleigh  
accepts  
Appointment.

11. It was agreed to request Lord Overtoun, Lord Reay, and the Right Hon. Sir John H. Kennaway, Bart., to accept the position of Vice-Presidents of the Conference.

Vice-  
Presidents :  
Lord Overtoun,  
Lord Reay, and  
Sir John H.  
Kennaway  
nominated.

12. The Committee, while desirous of maintaining the representative character of the General Committee, which consists of duly appointed delegates from Missionary Societies, agreed to recommend that the names of Lord Langford (Ireland), Mr. James Munro (formerly of the Ranaghat Mission, Bengal), and the Rev. Hugh Brown, LL.D. (Dublin), be added to the General Committee as being tried friends of Missions, though not formally appointed by any Society.

Special  
Nominations  
to General  
Committee.

13. The Secretary reported that he had communicated with the Rev. John H. Ritson regarding the Sub-Committee for England (see General Committee's Minute 15), and submitted letter from Mr. Ritson (London, November 5), in which he says he will be happy to do all that he can as Convener of the London Committee of the Ecumenical Missionary Conference.

Local  
Committee in  
England :  
Mr. Ritson  
accepts  
Convenership.

14. The Secretary reported that he had communicated with the Rev. Arthur J. Brown, D.D., regarding the Sub-Committee for the United States and Canada (see Minute 16 of General Committee), and submitted letter (New York, November 9) from Dr. Brown, in which he says that he will bring the Minutes of Committee sent to him before the Committee.

Local  
Committee in  
America :  
Letter from  
Rev. Dr.  
Brown.

15. The Secretary reported that he had communicated with the Rev. John Irwin, Belfast, regarding a Sub-Committee for Ireland, and submitted letters from Mr. Irwin, in which he indicated his readiness to do all in his power to promote an interest in the Conference among the brethren in Ireland, and to act as Convener of a Sub-Committee there, provided this did not involve much additional work or frequent absence from home.

Local  
Committee in  
Ireland :  
Mr. Irwin  
accepts  
Convenership.

Local  
Committee on  
Continent:  
Letter to Rev.  
Dr. Ochler.

16. The Secretary reported that he had communicated with the Rev. Dr. Ochler, Inspector of the Basel Missionary Society, inquiring whether he would consent to act as Convener of a Continental Committee, but that he had not yet received any reply.

Convenership  
of Special  
Committee.

17. Proceeded to consider the appointment of Conveners for the Special Committees—(a) The Rev. Dr. Wardlaw Thompson was named as Convener of the Programme Committee, and Dr. Thompson, being present, accepted the appointment. (b) The Rev. Dr. George Robson was named as Convener of the Publications and Press Committee, Mr. Findlay kindly offering to assist Dr. Robson should he see his way to accept. Dr. Robson, being present, intimated that he could not accept the appointment, but the Committee allowed the matter to lie over, with the view of giving Dr. Robson an opportunity for further consideration. (c) It was agreed to request Mr. Neil B. Gunn, of the Scottish Widows' Fund, to undertake the duties of Convener of the Finance Committee, and Mr. R. R. Simpson, the Rev. J. Fairley Daly, and the Rev. James Buchanan were appointed to wait upon Mr. Gunn and place the request before him.

Constitution of  
Conference:  
Sub-  
Committee  
appointed.

18. A conversation took place regarding the Constitution of the coming Conference and the lines of its procedure, when it was remitted to a Sub-Committee consisting of the Rev. W. H. Findlay (Convener), Rev. Dr. Robson, Rev. J. Fairley Daly, Rev. Dr. Wardlaw Thompson, and Mr. Duncan M'Laren to bring up a report regarding this matter, for consideration at next meeting of the Executive.

Date of next  
Meeting.

19. It was agreed that the next meeting of the Executive be held at 22 Queen Street, Edinburgh, on Thursday, the 13th February, at 11.15 a.m., and that the General Committee be called for the same day and place at 2.30 p.m.

Closed with the benediction.

JAS. BUCHANAN, }  
A. B. WANN, } Secretaries.